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SUBJECT: UNGA - CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS

REF: STATE 227267

1. ON NOV 23, WE CALLED ON MME. TNANI, CHIEF OF FONMIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES DIVISION, AND MADE ORAL PRESENTATION BASED ON POINTS MADE IN PARA 2 REFTEL. INFORMAL FRENCH TRANSLATION OF THESE POINTS ALSO LEFT WITH HER.

2. SINCE MME. TNANI HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AFRICAN CONVENTION ARTICLE MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL, WE PROVIDED HER WITH ENGLISH TEXT. TNANI RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO OUR PRESENTATION AND AGREED THAT PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS IS IMPORTANT "PRINCIPE". SHE PROMISED GOT WOULD CONSIDER THIS MATTER VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

3. AMBASSADOR PLANS FOLLOW UP WITH SECRETARY OF STATE ABDELAZIZ HAMZAOUY AT CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE TUNISIA'S SEEMING DESIRE TO EXHIBIT SOLIDARITY WITH FELLOW AFRICANS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF MUTUAL

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INTEREST CURRENTLY BEFORE UN, IT QUITE LIKELY GOT WILL PROCEED

CAUTIOUSLY BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ON AN
ISSUE INVOLVING AN IMPORTANT "PRINCIPE" SUCH AS THIS. WHILE WE
CANNOT PREDICT FINAL GOT POSITION, MME. TNANI'S POSITIVE REACTION
SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY THAT GOT UN MISSION MIGHT WELL BE AMENABLE
TO OUR ARGUMENTATION AS GIVEN IN REFTEL. WE RECOMMEND THAT USUN
CONTINUE FOLLOW UP WITH TUNISIAN DELEGATION TO BACKSTOP OUR
EFFORTS HERE.

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